



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION for Lexington-Fayette County, Kentucky
P.O. Box 21732 Lexington, Kentucky 40522-1732

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

December 7, 2009

Tates Creek Public Library

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Sandy Camargo.

Agenda

1. Meeting minutes.
2. Officer Reports / Committee Reports
3. Old Business / New Business
4. Special Committee Proposals

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance November 2, 2009 = \$2,438.16
- Receipts \$381.66
- Disbursements \$0.00
- Balance September 14, 2009 \$2,819.82
- Receipts Pending July/August = \$381.66
- November/December = \$381.66 Pending

Disbursements Pending Discussed

Historical records are being digitized for record keeping.

Discussion was held on purchasing an Env. Commission Laptop.

Meeting Minutes:

- Deferred approving any old minutes until January 2010 meeting. Last approved minutes were July 2009. All members are encouraged to review minutes of past meeting prior to the January meeting. Please review online at the following link: <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=1270>

Officer Reports:

Annual budget needs to be submitted by January 21, 2010. Items discussed:

- Green Breakfast \$3,000
- Earth Day/Arbor Day \$1,000
- Give a Ways \$1,500
- Sponsorships \$1,000
- Laptop

Old Business:

Historic Signs: In particular Preston Springs and McConnell Springs. Members interested in historic signs should research price and prepare plan of action. Tabled historic signs for 1 month until January.

Special Committee Proposals (see attached proposals):

- Litter Abatement: Megan Campbell-Smith presented the proposal for retirement of the litter abatement committee from the EC. After much discussion the proposal was amended to "Transfer ownership of the Litter Abatement to Bluegrass Pride and re-route email link from web page – Report A Litter Bug. Phase out from the EC by end of the fiscal year." Proposal with amendment was voted on and passed.

- Quarterly Presentation Proposal (see attached proposals)

The proposal was amended to correct #2 to read "The EC volunteer base is comprised of volunteers who bear an ethical responsibility to protect and enhance our natural and built environments" The budgetary items were amended to \$4,000 for speakers, \$500 for printing.

- Regional Climate Change Forum:

Paul Swoveland to attend 12/18/09 and report back to the EC.

Historical epidemic of cholera. Paul Swoveland to extend and invitation to Terry Foody to speak to the Env. Commission regarding this topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Commission members and guests present: Sandy Camargo, Stephen Garland, Amanda Plakosh-Angeles, Larry Rhodes, Megan C. Smith, Paul Swoveland, Kirk Catinna

Next Meeting:

Next Meeting in January, 4:00pm, place to be determined.

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LFUCG Environmental Commission: Proposal to Eliminate EC Litter Abatement Committee

Prepared by Special Programs Committee,

Chair Megan Campbell Smith (mcsmithtemp@gmail.com)

Proposal: Eliminate the LFUCG Environmental Commission Litter Abatement Committee

Reason for this proposal:

1. The past work of the LFUCG EC for Litter Abatement Committee has been so successful as to inspire multiple public and private litter abatement programs across the LFUCG service area.
2. Litter Abatement is now a redundant effort, and we believe we can serve our mission better without this committee commanding the attention of our volunteer members.

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LFUCG Environmental Commission:

Proposal to plan and execute quarterly presentations on environmental and sustainable development topics

Prepared by Special Programs Committee,

Chair Megan Campbell Smith (mcsmithtemp@gmail.com), and member Steve Garland

Proposal: Plan and execute quarterly presentations on environmental and sustainable development topics timely and relevant to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, the LFUCG Planning Commission, the Board of Adjustment, the Building Inspector, and other appropriate bodies and officials.

Reason for this proposal:

1. The mission of the LFUCG Environmental Commission is to advise the mayor on significant matters affecting and pertaining to the environmental quality of our community.
2. The EC volunteer base is comprised of professionals who bear an ethical responsibility to protect and enhance our natural and built environments.
3. These presentations will support the EC strategic goal to participate more closely with the LFUCG policy-making bodies.
4. These presentations will serve to heighten the public profile of the EC as well as to provide a recruitment tool for the sustainability of the Commission itself.

Budget: Total cost \$7000 in calendar year 2010.

1. Professional speakers: \$1,500 per presentation.
 - a. Speakers subtotal = \$6000
2. Printing, stationary, and supplies specific to the proposal = \$1000

Other considerations:

1. Should professional services be required, compensation may be required to the consulting professional(s) or to his/her employer(s).
2. Presenters shall be officers, members, or guests of the EC.
3. Professional accreditation shall be required of all speakers receiving a fee for their services in support of this proposal. Accreditation includes licensure and/or certification or recognition by an appropriate organization authorized to issue professional certification (i.e. Licensed Architects and Engineers, LEED-Accredited Professionals, APA, ASHRAE, and others as determined appropriate under this requirement.).
4. As stewards of public trust, the EC shall attempt to procure any professional services or support services pro bono.
5. Expenditures shall be approved by EC as stipulated in bylaws.

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